



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**South Carolina Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 14, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.3 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the high 60s.

Crops

Planting activities were slowed throughout the week as the return of warmer weather depleted soil moisture. Concerns were noted that the soil moisture was not sufficient for cotton and peanut germination. Nearly all planted corn had emerged and was in mostly good condition. Tobacco fields continued to be transplanted. Wheat fields were drying down and nearly finished heading out. Yields for berries were reported to be good, and summer vegetables were growing well despite the dry conditions.

Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures continued to be in relatively good condition around the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/14/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Emerged	96	87	92	97
Cotton - Planted.....	44	10	25	42
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	58	43	55	48
Peaches - Harvested	3	1	3	1
Peanuts - Planted	52	18	40	49
Soybeans - Planted	26	9	20	21
Soybeans - Emerged	2	1	2	7
Tobacco - Transplanted.....	84	61	85	89
Winter wheat - Headed	94	93	98	96

(NA) Not available.

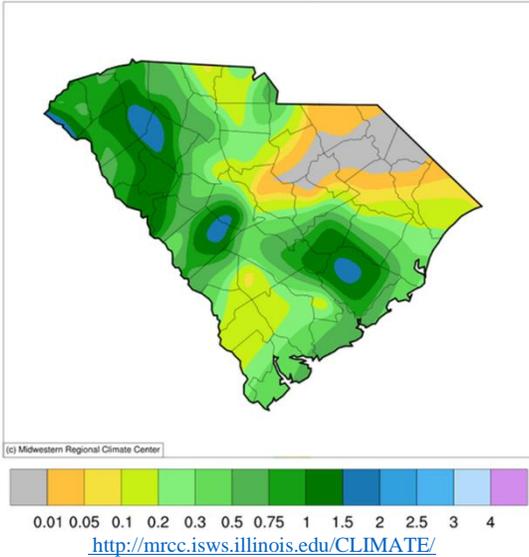
Conditions for Week Ending 05/14/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	1	13	78	7
Corn	0	2	21	70	7
Pasture and range	1	5	18	69	7
Peaches	0	13	46	41	0
Tobacco.....	1	4	18	71	6
Winter wheat.....	0	0	21	77	2

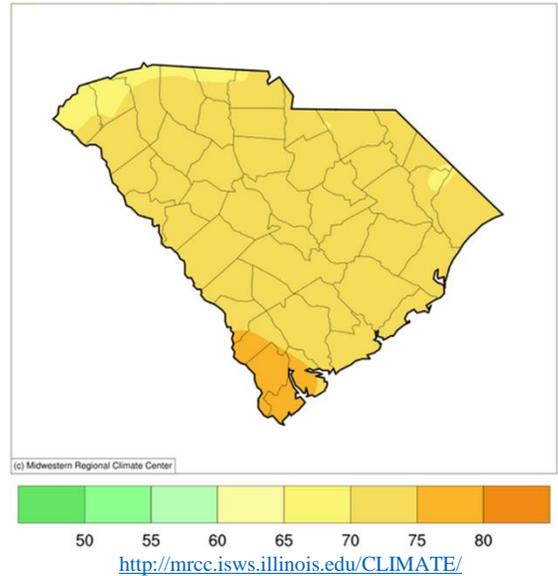
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/14/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	3	9
Short.....	16	25
Adequate	69	61
Surplus	12	5
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	3	3
Short.....	11	20
Adequate	76	72
Surplus	10	5

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 08, 2023 to May 14, 2023



Average Temperature (°F)
May 08, 2023 to May 14, 2023



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2021.php

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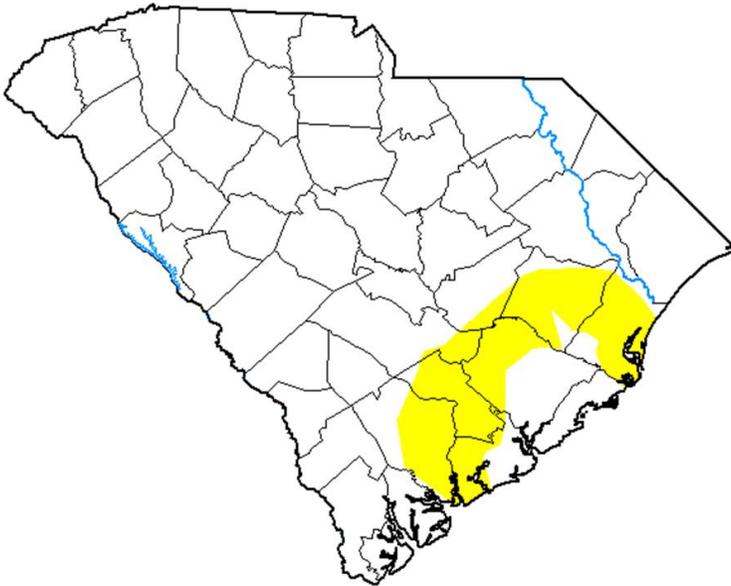
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	88.05	11.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-02-2023	91.44	8.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-07-2023	95.26	4.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 05-10-2022	50.72	49.28	27.18	4.30	0.00	0.00



Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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